



State of Vermont
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
November 19, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
GoTo Virtual Meeting

Council Participants: Edward Clark, Chair/Citizen Member
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member
David Skinas, Archaeologist
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
David Donath, Historian (arrived 9:18)

Council Absent: Paul Wyncoop, Vice Chair/Citizen Member
Open Seat, Architect

Staff Participants: Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Scott Dillon, Sr. Historic Preservation Review Coordinator
Elizabeth Peebles, Historic Resources Specialist – Architecture
Caitlin Corkins, Tax Credit and Grants Specialist
Laura Trieschmann, SHPO
Matt Shoen, Intern

Guests: Sue Wilson, Montgomery Historical Society
Scott Perry, Montgomery Historical Society

Mr. Clark opened the meeting at 9:05 am.
The meeting was not recorded.

- I** Welcome
- II** Changes to the Agenda
 - Hugh Henry Homestead Roadside Historic Site Marker moved to January agenda
- III** Public Comment
 - No public comment
- IV** Review / Approve October 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Ms. Tonn made a motion to accept the minutes; motion was seconded by Mr. Skinas.
 - Motion passed 4-0.
Rollcall vote
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Clark: yes





Mr. Luneau: yes

V Project Report by Matthew Shoen, VDHP Intern/UVM HP Graduate Student

- Mr. Shoen, who is a graduate student at UVM studying historic preservation, has been working as an intern with VDHP since spring 2020. He provided an overview of his efforts at VDHP, including organization of digital files, archaeological and historical site visits, and editing National Register nominations.

VI Bridport Farms/Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

Review of plans/demolition proposal

- Mr. Colman provided an introduction to Bridport Farms, consisting of three homesteads listed in the State Register. A large section of the property (433 acres) is pending sale by the owner to the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife, which proposes to demolish all the resources to restore the grasslands and wetlands as part of the Lemon Fair Wildlife Management Area in Bridport and Cornwall. Mr. Colman noted many of the buildings no longer retains sufficient integrity and new resources are not contributing to the State Register listing. The demolition requires evaluation under 22 VSA and Section 106 and will be presented at a future meeting.

VII National Register of Historic Places – Nomination

- Norton House, 300 Pleasant Street, Bennington
 - Mr. Colman presented the nomination for the Norton House. requested by the current owners, Shires Housing. The property is being rehabilitated as multi-family housing and the project will utilize the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits (RITC). Notification to owners, Bennington Selectboard, Bennington Historic Preservation Commission, and Bennington County Regional Commission. Owner, Selectboard, and Historic Preservation Commission all agreed to waive the standard notification period in order to move nomination forward for the RITC process. Period of significance is 1846-1880 under criterion c for architecture. The barn/garage is a non-contributing resource as it was not original associated with the parcel and has been altered.
 - Discussion focused on the details of the architecture comparative to two historic birds-eye views (1877 and 1887). The specifics of the nomination were complemented, while noting the lack of sufficient citations and figure/image references.
 - Mr. Skinas made a motion that the Julius and Sophia Norton House at 300 Pleasant Street in Bennington meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluations and recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve and forward the nomination to the National Park Service/Mr. Luneau seconded.
- Motion passed 5-0
 - Rollcall vote
 - Mr. Skinas: yes
 - Ms. Tonn: yes
 - Mr. Luneau: yes
 - Mr. Donath: yes



Mr. Clark: yes

VIII State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility

- 2689 Shelburne Road, Shelburne
 - Mr. Colman presented the determination of eligibility for the State Register, requested by the current owner, David Shenk. Request is related to an Act 250 permit application for a project on the property. Notification to owner, preservation consultant, Shelburne Selectboard, Shelburne Historic Preservation & Design Review Commission, Shelburne Historical Society, and Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. Consultant indicated it was constructed circa 1943; Mr. Colman suggested possibly 1945 to 1950. He noted the lack of significance, historic context, and setting. Alterations included vinyl cladding and covering/removal of Colonial Revival-style sidelights with panels and door. The preservation consultant recommended the property is not eligible and VDHP concurred.
 - Mr. Luneau made a motion in consideration of the presentation, testimony, and staff recommendation presented to the council, does the Council deem the property at 2689 Shelburne Road in Shelburne eligible for the State Register of Historic Places/Ms. Tonn seconded.
- Motion failed 0-5; Property is not eligible for the State Register.
 - Rollcall vote
 - Mr. Skinas: no
 - Ms. Tonn: no
 - Mr. Luneau: no
 - Mr. Donath: no
 - Mr. Clark: no

IX Roadside Historic Site Markers

- Comstock Covered Bridge, Montgomery
 - Longley Covered Bridge, Montgomery
 - Fuller Covered Bridge, Montgomery
- Ms. Trieschmann presented the three applications from the Montgomery Historical Society for the Comstock, Longley, and Fuller Covered Bridges in Montgomery. Editing to the text was provided for the Fuller Covered Bridge, deleting repairs resulting from Tropical Storm Irene and adding reference to architect/engineer Ithiel Town. ACHP showed support for the proposed location of the Longley Covered Bridge; direction from VTrans for safety shall aid in determining the final location. Ms. Wilson and Mr. Perry provided additional information regarding the rehabilitation history and siting of the bridges, proposed location of the Longley Covered Bridge marker, and revisions to the text for the Fuller Covered Bridge.
- Mr. Luneau made a motion to accept staff recommendation for the production and placement of the Comstock Covered Bridge, Longley Covered Bridge, and Fuller Covered Bridge Roadside Historic Site Marker in Montgomery, with recommended revisions to the texts; Mr. Skinas seconded.



- Motion passed 5-0
Rollcall vote
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Luneau: yes
Mr. Donath: yes
Mr. Clark: yes

X SHPO Report

- Ms. Trieschmann reported on the Historic Preservation Fund for federal Fiscal year 2021, which has not yet been announced. Congress is reviewing the funding bill, which has a proposal for additional funding specific to state-owned historic sites controlled by state historic preservation offices. Additional funding is proposed for Save America's Treasures grants, adding funds specifically for state-owned historic sites and religious properties. She notified there are expected budget cuts to the Historic Sites operating budget and the need to focus efforts in 2021 on the outdoor trails, gardens, and landscapes due to the increased visitation as a result of the virus. The sites welcomed 18,214 paying visitors (typically get 60,000+), with \$103,000 from admissions and gift shop sales (typically \$500,000). Planning of the 2021 season begins in December. Note was provided of the consultation with VTrans and BGS regarding the future of the Hammond Covered Bridge and Medburyville Metal Truss Bridge, both owned by VDHP and in need to rehabilitation. The Fisher Covered Bridge, which will be presented later to the ACHP, is planned to be part of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. VDHP in consultation with VTrans and the Covered Bridge Committee are exploring the adaptive use designs. An application has been filed with the Governor's Office for the open architect' chair on the ACHP.

XI New Business

- [Meeting Schedule](#)
- Announcements
 - There were no announcements

XII Adjourn at 11:03 am

Motion: Ms. Tonn to adjourn/Mr. Skinas seconded.

- Motion passed 5-0
Rollcall vote
Mr. Skinas: yes
Ms. Tonn: yes
Mr. Luneau: yes
Mr. Donath: yes
Mr. Clark: yes